**Funding Stream:**

1. New York A0022
   1. Summary of the Bill:

This Bill would make it allowable for anyone to give directly from his or her tax refund to the housing assistance fund.[[1]](#footnote-1)

* 1. How it will impact people experiencing homelessness:
     1. Creates a new funding stream to much needed servicers
     2. Connects the house community with the un-housed community

**Hate Crime:**

1. New York A01353 “Homeless Protection Act”
   1. Summary of the Bill:

An amendment to the penal law, this Bill adds homelessness to the existing list of categories protected under hate crime law. Those who intentionally commit a crime against a person because they are homeless would be found in violation of this law, which also applies to factors such as race, national origin, age, or sexual orientation. The Bill also presents a specific definition of homelessness for which the law would apply.[[2]](#footnote-2)

* 1. How it will impact people experiencing homelessness:
     1. Provides more protections and rights for people who are homeless
     2. If a hate crime is committed because you are homeless there will be legal protection for the victim

**Shelters:**

1. New York A01383
   1. Summary of the Bill:

This Act would amend the social services law in an effort to stop the overcrowding of homeless shelters. It would require that shelters for homeless adults house no more than 100 clients. Additionally, these shelters must be located at least three miles from another similar facility. [[3]](#footnote-3)

* 1. How it will impact people experiencing homelessness:
     1. Will create many barriers for people who are homeless especially ones with physical disabilities

**Temporary Housing:**

1. New York A03549
   1. Summary of the Bill:

This law would make it necessary for any facility outside of New York City that provides temporary housing to those experiencing homelessness to have a kitchen for residents’ use.[[4]](#footnote-4)

* 1. How it will impact people experiencing homelessness:
     1. It allows individuals staying in temporary housing to keep their outside food
     2. Also provides indirect life-skills such as cooking

**Sex Offenders:**

1. New York A03706
   1. Summary of the Bill:

This Bill would make level two or three sex offenders ineligible for placement in temporary emergency housing or homeless shelters that also house families with children.[[5]](#footnote-5)

* 1. How it will impact people experiencing homelessness:
     1. It will create barriers for level 2 and 3 homeless sex offenders in trying to find shelter and temporary housing
     2. It will provide a safety net to children and families who are staying in the shelters or temporary housing

**Education:**

1. New York A04604
   1. Summary of the Bill:

This Act is aimed at improving educational outcomes for homeless students and publishing reports regarding the number of homeless students enrolled in public schools, as well as their academic performance, graduation and absenteeism rates, and suspension and expulsion data. In addition, a homeless education policy will be developed, with the goal of bettering the services available for homeless children and making the most effective use of title I funding.[[6]](#footnote-6)

* 1. How it will impact people experiencing homelessness:
     1. Will provide quantifiable data that will reveal the cracks in the system in regards to homeless students

**Training:**

1. New York A04989
   1. Summary of the Bill:

The Bill would expand the responsibilities of the office of children and family services in providing assistance to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender homeless and runaway youth. Employees working with these clients must go through training in how to best serve LGBT youth. This training must include information on how to use the correct terminology, how to address the unique challenges faced by LGBT young people, how to maintain an environment of mutual respect among LGBT and non-LGBT clients, best practices in dealing with parents, and addressing issues of confidentiality.[[7]](#footnote-7)

* 1. How it will impact people experiencing homelessness:
     1. More training and education by staff will help bridge the two communities closer in understanding their challenges and how to best solutions

**Homeless Youth:**

1. New York A10145
   1. Summary of the Bill:

This Bill would amend the definition of “homeless youth” to include those up to 25 years old.[[8]](#footnote-8)

* 1. How it will impact people experiencing homelessness:
     1. Will provide an extra four years of support to transition homeless youth from crisis care to independent living
     2. Will help reduce homeless recidivism in adulthood

1. New York City 2016 budget
   1. Summary of the Bill:

This bill will add 100 emergency shelter beds for homeless youth a year for the next 3 years, including 24 homeless LGBT youth. There will be an annual $14.7 annual investment designated for programs aimed at preventing homelessness and assisting those experiencing homelessness. These services include mental health and rental support.[[9]](#footnote-9)

* 1. How it will impact people experiencing homelessness:
     1. Will provide more emergency services for a much needed population within the homeless community
     2. Adding a funding stream on prevention and other services targeted at youth will reduce homeless recidivism as an adult
  2. Limitations
     1. More funding should be allocated to prevention and services for homeless youth
     2. More emergency shelter beds for homeless youth are much needed

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